

Scots Under-Secretary On The Forest Front

SCENES OF DEVASTATION — AND RECOVERY



A TEMPORARY sawmill rises in a clearing on the Bleack estate at Logie-Coldstone. On right is a stone incinerator for the disposal of sawdust and shavings.

AT ABOYNE CASTLE

AT HADDO HOUSE

FROM left to right, above, are seen Mr. B. Feaver of the Scottish Forestry Commission, Mr. J. Henderson of Haddo, on a tour of inspection of the devastated woodlands on the Haddo House estate near Methlick.

In addition to visiting Haddo House estate, where he covered the area on foot and by jeep, the Under-Secretary for State also called at Eskmont to see the damage sustained on the estate of Mrs. J. Wolrige Gordon. Mr. Henderson Stewart and his party then motored through Oldmeldrum, Inverurie and Kemnay and lunched with the Master of Forbes at Harthill. Later the same day he visited the C a s t l e Forbes woodlands, Strathdon and Deeside.

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OVERALL JACKETS

Blue Drill: 21/6, Grey: 21/6. White: 20/6.

APREONS

Unbleached White Drill, Bib Front. 5/11. Butcher Blue/White Drill: 6/11.

TROUSERS

Thick Hard Wearing, Blue Melton: 19/11. Grey Derby Tweeds: 19/11, 29/11, 32/6. Thick Dark Grey Kersey: 29/10. Velvet Cord, with Turn Up: 43/11.

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Navy Blue Drill, Full or Half Belt, Well Cut, Breast, Side, Hip and Ruler Pockets: 28/11, 31/6, 35/11. Also: DUFFLE COATS, LEATHER JACKETS, GOLF JACKETS, PULLOVERS, BLANKETS, RUGS, TRAVEL BAGS, ETC.

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THROUGH a screen of tangled branches on the Aboyne Castle policies, a sunlit glimpse of the Castle itself makes a striking picture.

SOUTHWARD BOUND



LOADING cleared logs at Logie-Coldstone on to a lorry for transport to the South by a Crieff firm. Left to right, in our picture, the workers are Messrs E. Cramb, P. Cramb and J. Cramb.

GALE'S BLOW TO BALMORAL'S ROYAL PRIVACY

Can It Be Repaired Before Summer Brings Throngs And Prying Eyes?

From GEORGE HUTCHEON, "Weekly Journal" Special Correspondent

SUNLIGHT streamed through the bay windows of Balmoral Castle, outlining the furniture in the huge room. . . . Dimly a figure could be seen dusting.

Outside a man in a red jersey climbed a long ladder, which he had placed against the west turret. . . . Below him, gardeners were bent on their task.

In the carefully-screened sanctity of Balmoral. It had laid bare the privacy enjoyed by Royalty since Queen Victoria's days, when these trees, known locally as "The Prince Consort Screen," were planted at the request of Prince Albert to secure greater seclusion from sight-seers.

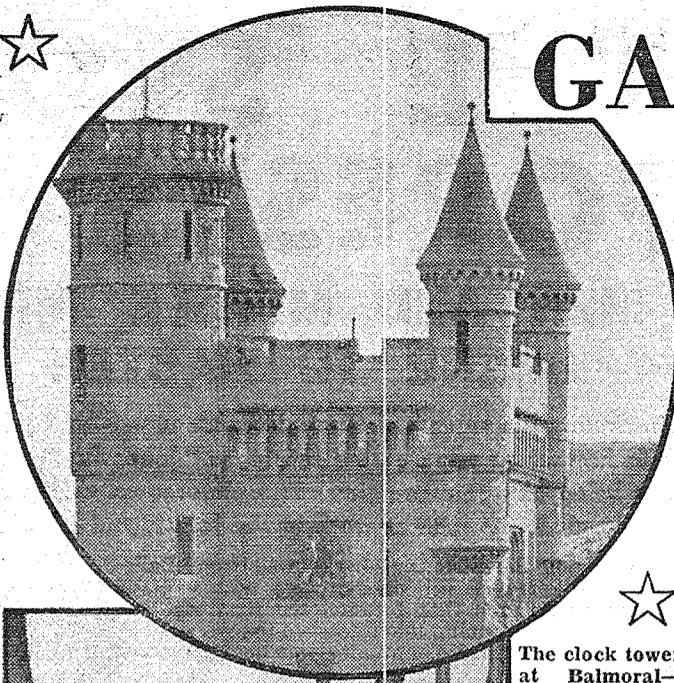
To-day, for thirty yards along the main Deeside road, the castle is in full view of prying eyes. I stood on the main Deeside road 200 yards away, with the glistening River Dee flowing noiselessly beneath, absorbing the unhurried preparations. And then, self-consciously, I turned away. . . . For the first time the castle had been revealed in all its majesty. By a strange chance the gale four weeks ago had blown down just twenty tall trees, producing a gaping hole

But I'm sure that before these days return the Royal privacy will again be preserved.

This unexpected discovery was the strangest of many I had made during two tours of the North-east devastated woodlands.

The first tour was made soon after the storm when one tentatively moved west, never venturing from the main road and expecting a dangerously hanging tree to belatedly crash in one's path.

But four weeks of hard work, combined with the sun, had brought organisation out of chaos. (Continued on Pages 8 and 9.)



The clock tower at Balmoral—with the hands of the clock pointing to 11.35—as it is now to be seen from the main Deeside road, a distance of 200 yards away on the other side of the river. The loss of the screen of protective trees at this point is a serious threat to Royal privacy and seclusion.

Balmoral Castle, traditional holiday home of the Royal Family, was being prepared for the pre-Coronation visit in May of her Majesty the Queen.

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How they would have revelled in this freak of nature

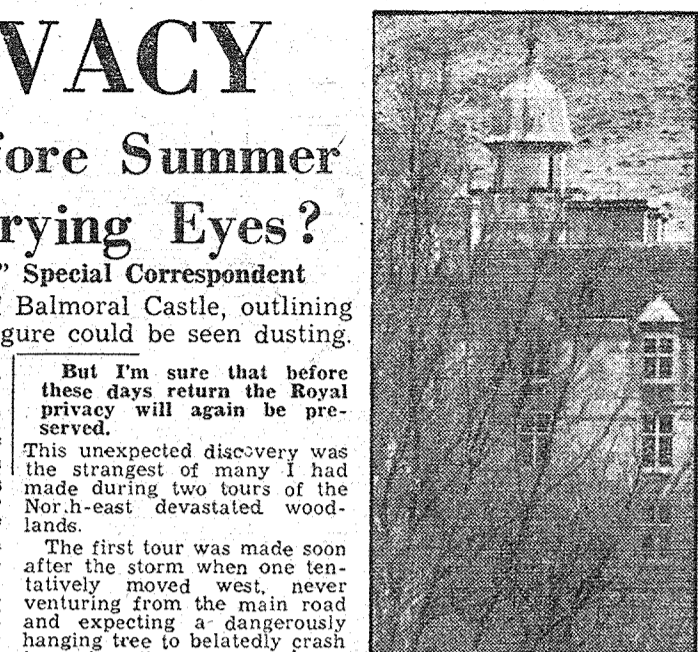


FISHERMEN TURN FORESTERS.—J. W. Hepburn and Albert Watt, Gardinstown, fishermen, turn their hands to tree clearing at Craigston Castle, Turrieff, watched by Lief Ronsen from Norway, who came to this country to demonstrate the use of a light motorised one-man saw for clearing windblown timber.

A GIANT ELM fallen in the grounds of Castle Fraser provides food for the mobile saws. Left to right the workers are J. Mearns, Lief Ronsen, G. Hall and D. Ross.



FANTASY AT CASTLE FRASER.—It seems almost too strange to be true, but there was lots of hard work in clearing this weirdly clutching remnant of the great trees in the parkland in front of the castle, framing with their splayed branches the historic ancestral home in the background.



CLOSE-UP glimpse of some of the windows of Balmoral Castle now screened only by a single fragile tree on the water's edge.



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